

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

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VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at 785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope the day was special for you and your family. As you know, the gift that keeps on giving, also known as the flu, continues to be widespread in Kansas and around the country.

In this issue of What's Happening Wednesday you will see articles that focus on flu surveillance and flu prevention. Please remember it is not too late to get the flu shot! Keep asking those that come in for services if they have had the flu shot this season. If they haven't, make sure you are making a strong recommendation that they do so!

The flu pre-book for the 2020-2021 flu season has been completed. Thank you for responding to our request for the flu pre-book process. The work of healthcare providers across the state to vaccinate individuals with influenza vaccine is very impressive.

Your efforts are definitely making an impact!

To put some perspective on this huge activity, I want to share some flu pre-book data from the Kansas Immunization Program (KIP).

2019-2020 Flu Season:

- 107,030 doses ordered
- \$1,461,323 total expenditure

2020-2021 Flu Season:

- 131,500 doses ordered
- \$1,792,820 total expenditure

Obviously, this only represents the influenza orders from the KIP but you can see the numbers are still quite impressive. We have a lot of work to do but every dose of flu vaccine given makes a difference. Thank you all for the hard work that goes into preventing and treating influenza this and every year!

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INJECTION OF EDUCATION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [FluView](#) reports widespread influenza activity across most of the United States and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) [Influenza Surveillance](#) reports widespread influenza activity within Kansas.

As you encounter patients, remember to take a moment to review their vaccine history, especially those patients at higher risk for flu [complications](#). If they have not received a flu shot this flu season, be sure to give a strong flu recommendation. Your recommendation matters because patients trust you with their health care needs. Visit [#HowIRecommend Flu Vaccine](#) for ideas on how to word your recommendation or for answers to common questions patients might ask.

Encourage patients to avoid contact with people showing symptoms of illness, to cover their nose and mouth while coughing or sneezing, and be sure to encourage hand hygiene, especially with younger patients. Demonstrate proper [handwashing](#) and how to cover a cough with younger patients. You could also show a short video demonstrating these principles such as the Cover Your Cough and Sneezes video found on [CDC-TV](#). Finally, be sure to remind your patients if they are sick they need to stay at home.

With widespread influenza activity, be sure to review clinic infection control policies and practices to prevent the spread of those illnesses to others in the waiting room. Requiring those with respiratory symptoms to wear a mask can help decrease the spread of illnesses as well as having an isolated area for them to wait. For more information on decreasing transmission visit the CDC [Interim Guidance for the Use of Masks to Control Seasonal Influenza Virus Transmission](#) webpage.

FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Nurses and medical assistants play a key role in improving vaccine acceptance, as they come in contact with parents throughout the office visit. CDC has launched a new free continuing education (CE) activity called [How Nurses and Medical Assistants Foster a Culture of Immunization in the Practice](#). The new CE teaches practical strategies to improve vaccination rates in the practice, including how to deliver clear and concise vaccine recommendations and address parents' frequently asked questions. Speakers include Virginia Chambers, Director of the Medical Assisting Program at Portland Community College and Andrea Polkinghorn, Enterprise Immunization Strategy Leader at Sanford Health.

Staff Introductions



Hello! My name is John Alejos. I Started my job at the Kansas Immunization Program back in May of 2018 as the Data Quality Analyst for the Kansas WebIZ Helpdesk. In October of 2019, I moved into the Outreach Coordinator position. In my new position I play a part in the production of our bi-weekly What's Happening Wednesday newsletter, as well as maintaining oversight of the health education library materials. You can also find me attending conferences running our exhibit booth! Feel free to stop by and say hello if you see me.

Vaccine-Preventable Disease Outbreaks and Clusters in Kansas

Pertussis – WYANDOTTE COUNTY: KDHE and the Unified Government Public Health Department have been investigating a community-wide outbreak of pertussis since November 2019. Initially, cases were linked to multiple schools in the area, but have since spread outside of the school system. So far, 36 cases have been identified and associated to the outbreak. The last onset of illness was January 20, 2020.

Varicella – MIAMI COUNTY: Through routine investigation, the Miami County Health Department identified a household cluster with three cases of varicella. Rash onset was on January 13, 2020 for all cases. No other cases have been reported to KDHE or Miami County; 21 days (varicella incubation period) have lapsed and we do not expect any additional illnesses to occur within this cluster.

For updated case counts of infectious diseases reportable to Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Response, please visit the KDHE webpage at http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/case_reports_by_county.htm. Note these numbers are preliminary and are subject to change based on case review. For any questions about reporting or for technical assistance please call the KDHE epidemiology hotline at 877-427-7317.

Influenza Surveillance



The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending February 8th, ILINet sites reported 8.7% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 9.4% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI.

All data is subject to change. KHEL has detected A/H1 in 24 specimens, influenza A (not subtyped) in one specimen, and influenza B in one specimen. Eighteen influenza outbreaks and three school closures have been reported to KDHE this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at (877) 427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.

Adding Meningococcal B to Recommended Vaccines in KSWebIZ

1. Select the **Patients** option on the left hand menu.
2. Select the **Search** option under the *Patients* section.
3. **Search** for the patient record.
4. Select the arrow for the **drop down menu** under *Action*, then select **Precautions / Contraindications**.
5. Click on **Add Precautions / Contraindications** button.
6. Update the **Effective Date**.
7. On the drop down for Precautions / Contraindications scroll down until you see **PATIENT SEEKS PROTECTION**.

Search Results - 1 record(s)

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You may add a new patient by clicking the 'New Patient' button. [New Patient](#)

SIMPSON, BART H ID: 2 DOB: 03/06/2009 AGE: 9Y 8M 15D GENDER: M GENERATION: JR

Patient Precautions / Contraindications [Add Precautions / Contraindications](#)

Add

Author * TEST, TEST (-) Effective Date 10/30/2019 Expiration Date MM/DD/YYYY

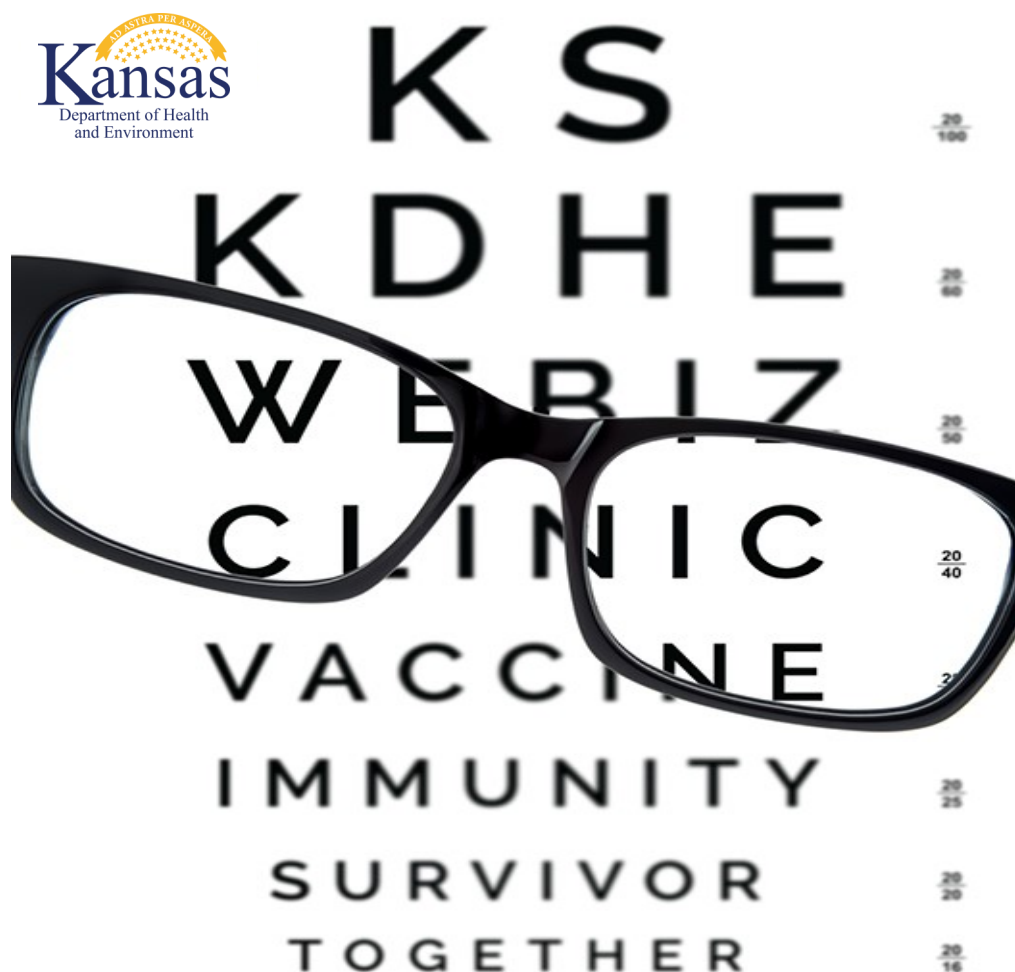
Provider * KDHE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (3000)

Precautions / Contraindications *

- MEASLES PROPHYLAXIS IG ADMINISTRATION - BIRTH/COINFECTED CONTACT
- MEASLES PROPHYLAXIS IG ADMINISTRATION - STANDARD
- MERCURY/THIMEROSOL: SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION (E.G., ANAPHYLAXIS)
- MODERATE OR SEVERE ILLNESS
- NEGATIVE SEROLOGICAL SCREENING FOR VARICELLA
- NEOMYCIN ADVERSE REACTION [DISORDER]
- NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION (PROGRESSIVE/UNSTABLE)
- ONSET OF PREGNANCY
- OTHER CONTRAINDICATION/PRECAUTION NOT LISTED
- PACKED RBC BLOOD TRANSFUSION
- PATIENT SEEKS PROTECTION**
- PERSISTENT COMPLEMENT, PROPERDIN, OR FACTOR B DEFICIENCY - COMPLEMENT DEFICIENCY DISEASE
- PERSISTENT COMPLEMENT, PROPERDIN, OR FACTOR B DEFICIENCY - FACTOR B DEFICIENCY
- PERSISTENT COMPLEMENT, PROPERDIN, OR FACTOR B DEFICIENCY - PROPERDIN DEFICIENCY DISEASE

8. Select **PATIENT SEEKS PROTECTION**.
9. Click **Create**.

2020 Kansas Immunization Conference



2020 KANSAS IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

WITNESSING THE IMPACT OF VACCINES WITH 2020 VISION

JUNE 8-11, 2020

Tony's Pizza Event Center | 800 The Midway | Salina, Kansas

For more information: Contact KU Area Health Education Center at (620) 235-4040. Brochure to follow.

We are pleased to announce that the hotel contracts have been signed and room blocks are now available at five hotels in Salina for the 2020 Kansas Immunization Conference. Please see the chart below for a list of hotels and details related to number of rooms in our block, room rate and deadline for guaranteed rate. When booking, please mention the Kansas Immunization Conference to get the rate listed.

Hotel	Rooms	Price	Deadline	Phone
Holiday Inn Express	50	129.99	5/6/2020	785-404-3300
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Mariot Salina	50	96.00 Kings, 129.99 Double Queen	5/8/2020	785-515-5333
Holiday Inn Salina	50	96.00 Kings, 129.99 Double Queen	5/8/2020	785-404-6767
Country Inn & Suites	35	84.00 Assorted Rooms	5/26/2020	785-827-1271
Hilton Garden	10	139.00 2 Queen Standard	5/7/2020	785-309-0440